

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mazza opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

“Sunshine Law” Announcement: I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this special meeting of the Union Township Committee has been provided in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” by faxing to the Hunterdon Democrat and mailing electronically to the Courier News to be published and by posting on the bulletin board and on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL - Present: Rob Haynes, Matt Severino came in at 7:10 PM, William Bischoff, Patricia Dziubek, Frank Mazza. Grace Brennan, CFO and Ella Malecki Ruta, Township Clerk, were also present.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

a. Discussion of 2008 Municipal Budget

- Grace Brennan, CFO explained municipal appropriation cap. State sets this cap every year based on the COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) and this year is set at 5%. Statutory cap for appropriation this year is 2.5%, but by ordinance, it could go up to 3.5%, which is also recommendation by the CFO to cover legal expenses.
- Line by line, Mrs. Brennan went over the whole budget document answering and explaining questions from the Committee. She also pointed out items that if changed, would also change the municipal tax rate.
- Briefly discussed were employee salaries, donation to Township’s emergency response groups, capital improvements account, open space and debt service.

At about 7:42 PM the following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-39
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Union Township Committee has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: Personnel Matters and Contract Negotiations.

Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to adopt the above resolution. Mr. Bischoff seconded the motion. Vote – Ayes; Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek and Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

Mr. Severino made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Mr. Bischoff seconded the motion. Vote – Ayes; Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek and Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

At about 8:25 PM Mrs. Dziubek excused herself from the meeting due to personal emergency. She returned at 8:29 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time, Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bischoff seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Malecki Ruta, RMC
Municipal Clerk